

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Ulysses Lee "Junior" Bridgeman on his professional basketball career and his successful business ventures.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Ulysses Lee "Junior"
2 Bridgeman on his professional basketball career and his
3 successful business ventures.

4 *Whereas, Bridgeman was born in East Chicago, Indiana.*
5 *He was a member of the 1971 East Chicago Washington High*
6 *School Senators basketball team, which went undefeated (29-0)*
7 *and won the Indiana State High School Championship;*

8 *Whereas, Bridgeman attended the University of Louisville*
9 *where he played guard/forward and earned a Bachelor of Arts*
10 *Degree in Psychology;*

11 *Whereas, In 1975, Bridgeman became a 1st round draft pick*
12 *for the Los Angeles Lakers and was immediately traded to the*
13 *Milwaukee Bucks for Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Bridgeman went*
14 *on to have a successful 12-year NBA career, scoring a total of*
15 *11,517 points. His #2 jersey was retired in 1988 by the*
16 *Milwaukee Bucks franchise;*

17 *Whereas, In 1988, Bridgeman, along with Paul Thompson*
18 *and Donna Schulhof, began Bridgeman Foods. This company*
19 *has continued a steady pace of growth, becoming the largest*



1 *multi-brand franchise in the country and one of the largest*
2 *minority business enterprises in the food service industry today.*
3 *His businesses include: Wendy's, Chili's, Fazoli's, Perkins and*
4 *Mark Feed Stores;*

5 *Whereas, Bridgeman is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha*
6 *fraternity and has received numerous awards including the*
7 *Volunteers of America Tribute Award, John Thompson*
8 *Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award, and the Coach*
9 *Wooden Key to Life Award;*

10 *Whereas, In recognition of his many accomplishments,*
11 *Bridgeman has been inducted into the Wisconsin Athletic Hall*
12 *of Fame and the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame;*
13 *and*

14 *Whereas, Bridgeman has been married to Doris for 34*
15 *years and they have three adult children: Justin, Ryan, and*
16 *Eden. All three children are currently working in the family*
17 *business: Therefore,*

18 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
19 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

20 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes and honors
21 Ulysses Lee "Junior" Bridgeman for his athletic ability, professionalism
22 and contributions to the business community.

23 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
24 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Ulysses Lee "Junior" Bridgeman.

